States Name	Out of School Children as on 01.04.2003
Madhya Pradesh	742495
Maharashtra	1209177
Manipur	102052
Meghalaya	163357
Mizoram	23240
Nagaland	Not Availble
Orissa	1044816
Punjab	330005
Rajasthan	1065500
Sikkim	15033
Tamil Nadu	831532
Tripura	89194
Uttar Pradesh	4300000
Uttaranchal	74125
West Bengal	3950239
A&N Islands	Not Available
Chandigarh	Not Available
D & N Haveli	10417
Daman Diu*	Not Available
Delhi	Not Available
Lakshadweep	Not Available
Pondicherry	2453
TOTAL	2,30,34,518

Expenditure on education

†199. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that literacy rate is higher in several countries

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of the world despite expending less amount on education as compared to India;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and whether it is a fact that in USA, UK, China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia the percentage of expenditure on education of their Gross Domestic Production is less than that of India; and

(c) if so, the percentage of expenditure in those countries along-with the percentage of literacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the EFA Global Monitoring Report-2003/4 of UNESCO; with the exception of Indonesia the per capita public expenditure on edcuation is lowest in India among the six countries i.e. USA, UK, China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and India. The percentage of public expenditure on education to Gross National Product is higher in USA and UK compared with India. The country-wise details of Literacy rate (15 years and above), per capita expenditure on education and percentage of expenditure on education to Gross National Product (GNP) in 2000 are given in the table below:

Sl. No.	Country	Literacy rate (15 years and aboves) (Estimated)	Total public expenditure on education as percentage to GNP	Per Capita public expenditure on education (in US$) equivalent)
1.	USA	N.A.	4.9	1670.90
2.	UK	N.A.	4.4	1074.92
3.	China	85.2	2.3	19.32
4.	Sri Lanka	91.6	2.7	22.95
5.	Indonesia	86.8	1.6	9.12
6.	India	61.3*	4.1	18.45

It can be seen that countries like Sri Lanka, China and Indonesia have higher literacy rates despite the lower percentages of public expenditure on education to their GNPs compared with India.

* Estimated as on March 2001.
NA=Not Available